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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 UNITED VAN LINES, LLC,

No. C-08-4635 MMC

12 Plaintiff,

**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO APPEAR  
BY TELEPHONE**

13 v.

14 JEFFREY W. EDWARDS, et al.,

15 Defendants.  
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17 Before the Court is the Motion to Appear by Telephone, filed January 5, 2009, by  
18 Matthew S. Zeiger, counsel for defendants, by which motion said counsel requests that he  
19 be allowed to appear by telephone at the January 9, 2009 hearing on defendants' motion to  
20 dismiss or stay as well as the Case Management Conference to be conducted immediately  
21 thereafter.


22 Ordinarily, the Court would approve the request with respect to the Case  
23 Management Conference and, in such circumstances, would order counsel for all parties to  
24 appear by telephone. The Court, however, does not conduct telephonic hearings on  
25 contested motions.

26 Accordingly, the motion is hereby DENIED. By such denial, the Court is not  
27 requiring an appearance by out-of-state counsel; local counsel may appear on behalf of  
28 defendants at the hearing on the motion to dismiss or stay and, if necessary, at the Case

1 Management Conference.

2 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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4 Dated: January 6, 2009

  
MAXINE M. CHESNEY  
United States District Judge